

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 (identified as paragraph [0024] in the published application) with the following paragraph:

In order to release the wheelchair from the locked position it is merely necessary to raise the free end of the lever 15, pivotally mounted about a fulcrum 16 and engaging with wedge 11, from the locked position shown in Fig. 6 to the unlocked position shown in Fig. 5. This may be accomplished manually if necessary but it will be appreciated that this is impossible for a wheelchair occupant and somewhat awkward and inconvenient for the attendant. It is preferred, therefore, that the release be effected by the attendant from a central location such as the driver's seat. To facilitate release, a conventional solenoid switch 17 is mounted beneath end of lever 15 with the end of plunger 18 thereof in contact with lever 15. Upon activation of solenoid 17, plunger 18 extends from the retracted position shown in Fig. 6 to the extended position shown in Fig. 5, thereby forcing wedge 11 down to the unlocked position shown in Fig. 5 and releasing arm 6. Power for solenoid 17 may be provided in any conventional manner such as wires from the control position and the vehicle battery, or from an internal power source which may be actuated by any conventional remote control system 40 such as a radio signal.